

REMARKS:

Claims 1–24 are pending in the current application. Claims 1, 8–12 and 18–24 were amended herein. Independent claims 1 and 12 were amended to further distinguish the claimed invention over the cited prior art. Claims 8–11 and 18–24 are rewritten in independent form, including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. A check for \$1,200.00 for the fee for six (6) additional independent claims in excess of three is enclosed.

Reopening of prosecution and continued examination is respectfully requested.

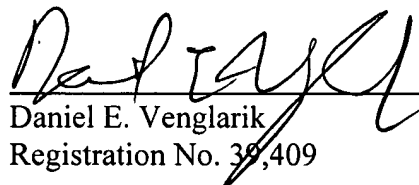
If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *dvenglarik@munckbutrus.com*.

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